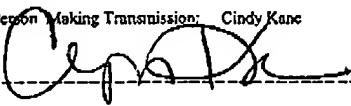


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Serial No. 09/756,997 : Examiner: Christy L. Novacek
Filed: January 8, 2001 : IBM Corporation
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DEVELOPMENT RELATED DEFECTS IN
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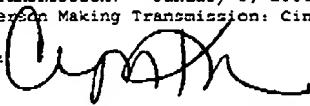
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